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"Kazanluk" Military Airfield

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1. About 2-3 kilometers south of Kazanluk there is a military airfield.

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2. At this field are located an unidentified number of single-engine bi-planes, all of the same model.

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more than 5-6 of them in the air simultaneously. He was unable to give further details concerning this airfield.

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DOSO Airfield near Kazanluk

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3. About 200 meters north of the last houses in the northwestern outskirts of the town, immediately on the west side of the road to Gabrovo, there is a small airfield, about 300 meters north of the new road to Koprinka village (N 42-38, E 25-20), Kazanluk Okoliya.

4. [redacted] its entrance, above [redacted] which is a sign reading "Letishte Kazanluk" (Kazanluk Airfield). [redacted] it is for the use of DOSO members.

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Ravnets Military Airfield, Burgas Okoliya

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5. [redacted] it is somewhere around Ravnets village (N 42-30, E 27-14), Burgas Okoliya.

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6. In October or November 1952, about 100 Trudovaks who had been working at the Ravnets airfield arrived to help Trudovak unit [redacted] construct the large underground gasoline reservoirs near Osetenovo village (N 42-37, E 25-02), Kazanluk Okoliya. [redacted] at present Ravnets airfield is the largest Bulgarian airfield for turbo-jets, but [redacted] in the future it will be the second largest, after the construction of the new Kamenets airfield, Pleven Okoliya, for turbo-jets. [redacted] in October or November, construction of the concrete runways (number not known) at the Ravnets airfield, had been completely finished and consequently the Trudovaks working there were transferred to another unit.¹

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7. In the summer of 1953 [redacted] unidentified Trudovak unit of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade again came to work at the Ravnets airfield, this time to start construction on the large buildings on it.

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8. [redacted] most of the turbo-jets flying over Bulgaria take off from the Ravnets field.

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9. [redacted] while in Kazanluk as well as in Stara Zagora, the turbo-jets flying over these towns always came from one and the same direction - from a slightly northeast (almost east) to a slightly southwest (almost west) direction or the reverse. [redacted] from 15 April until 4 July 1953, in Kazanluk and Stara Zagora, almost every day he saw turbo-jets, usually in groups of two, and only once - three, flying in the above-mentioned directions. All of the planes were white and shone.²

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Kamenets Military Airfield, Pleven Okoliya

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10. [redacted] in October 1952, after completing the runways at "Uzundzhovo" airfield, almost all the technical personnel and construction machinery, such as compressors, concrete-layers, trucks, etc. were transferred to Kamenets village (N 43-18, E 25-00), Pleven Okoliya, to take part in the construction of the new Kamenets airfield.³

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11. The Kamenets airfield is allegedly located somewhere around Kamenets village, [redacted] this field is to be the largest turbo-jet field in Bulgaria [redacted] it is to have concrete runways (number and details not known).

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12. [redacted] construction work on the new Kamenets airfield was being carried out at a very intensive pace.⁴ [redacted] construction started in March 1953.

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